(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government for supply for LSHS fel for the first unit of Diesal Generator Power Plant being set up at Velahanka, Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAD): (a) and (b). Government had received a request for supply of 135 of L.S.H.S. for 120 MW Yelahanka Diesel Engine Power Plant and a decision has been taken to supply the name, subject to product availability.

Import of Petroleum Products

4766. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had signed an agreement with petronas, a Malayasian oil company for the import of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Government have suspended purchasing of oil form Malaysia; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). The term contract with Petromas is for supply of 0.5 MMT of crude oil. The term contracts with petco are for the supply of 1 MMT of crude oil and 1.49 MMT of petroleum products. Supplies from neither have been stopped.

[*Translation*]

Cost of cultivation of Cotton

4767. SHRI SURYANARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per hectare cost of cultivation of cotton during 1990-91 and 1991-92, State-wise; and

(b) the support price of cotton during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) The cost of cultivation of Kapas for 1990-91 and 1991-92 is not available. However, this cost for other latest yeats for some of the States is given below:

	Cost of cultivation per hectare (in Rs.)	
States	*1987-88*	*1988-89*
Andhra Pradesh	4330.40	-
Karnataka	4118.37	-
Haryana	3994.72	3825.04
Punjab	6594.17	6514.42

(b) The support price of Kapas during 1990-91 for F-414/H-777 variety was Rs. 620/- per quintal and for H-4 it was Rs. 750/- per quintal. During 1991-92 these prices were Rs. 695/- and Rs. 840/- per quintal respectively.

Cattle Breeding Centres

4768. SHRI SURYANARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new cattle breeding centres in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to Improve the working conditions of the existing centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Ministry of Agriculture does not have any "Cattle Breeding Centre" in the State of Bihar. Accordingly the question does not arise.

Mitra Krishna Scheme

4769. SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR: Will the Minister of AGRICLUTRE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to impement a Scheme on the concept of 'Mitra -Kisan" to promote agriculture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State selected for the implementation of the said Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RANCHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Identification and training of Mitra Kisan is a sub component of National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas for promoting participatory and accelerated planning and implantation. Promising village youth practicing farmers etc. are trained in basic principles of farming systems approach, crop production, livestock management and common property resources management.

(c) All the states are participating in National Watershed Development project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPARA)

Production and supply of HYV Seeds

4770. SHRI JAGAMEET SINGH BRAR
SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated annual production and requirement of High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds in the country?

(b) whether the production of High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds is not sufficient to meet the internal requirements; and

(c) if so, the remedial; measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). The estimated annual requirement and availability of high uyelding varieties of seeds for the year 1991-92, as assessed in the Zonal Seeds Review Meeting was 59.85 lakh quintals and 57 .33 lakh quintals respectively. The availability position has been generally satisfactory although certain shortages were reported by some States which were indicated to have been met locally.

(c) Efforts were made during the Zonal Seed Review meetings to arrange supply of seed through National Seeds Corporation (NSC) State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) and organizations under other State Governments etc. to supplement the availability in States facing shortages.

[*English*]

Cold Storage Plants

4771. SHRI P.M. SAYEED; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: